

PRESIDENT MOUL: We have ceased debate. I'll recognize Senator Beutler for closing.

SENATOR BEUTLER: Madam President, members of the Legislature, I think we all know what is before us and so I will make short work of this. But I simply want to encourage you to seize the day and to exercise your prerogatives and do what it is we were elected to do and that is to make the decisions of this state with regard to public policy. Senator Chambers, if this were any other issue or at least if this were most issues, you would be up here berating us, because we have no confidence in our own judgment, because we're letting other people resolve problems that we should be resolving, because we don't have the courage to stand up and do it ourselves. But today that's exactly what is happening I think or in danger of happening and so I want to encourage you for all the reasons that have been discussed by many people this afternoon to finally put an end to this bill and move it forward with the simple addition that this Legislature, this body will take the final look eventually at what the Governor negotiates. And we're not acting in bad faith because remember, another part of this amendment says we approve and ratify the Omaha Tribe treaty. We are doing that. That's good faith. We are doing that today as we pass this bill, as we pass this amendment, and so I don't think there's any question with regard to the good faith of the Legislature especially with that part of the amendment included. And I don't think that the courts looking at it fairly could say we have not acted in good faith. It has been a part of our good faith commitment to the people of this state always and every year to take a tough look at gambling issues and we're not always logical and we're probably not always fair, but darn it, we take a look at it and we make a decision and that's what we should be doing with this one and that's all this amendment asks us to do. Thank you.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Thank you, Senator Beutler. We will now vote on the Beutler amendment to LB 231. All those in favor please vote aye, opposed nay. Have you all voted? Have you all voted?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Roll call vote.

PRESIDENT MOUL: Would the senators please check in. The senators please check in, I forgot to ring the bell. Senator Coordsen, please check in. Senator Moore, Senator Rasmussen, Senator Chambers and Senator Lynch and Senator Hall. We're looking for Senator Hall and Senator Coordsen. Senator Hall is